



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: KENT DOUGLAS ELLIS *ET AL.*

APPLICATION No.: 10/657,809

FILED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

FOR: **HEATING PAD SYSTEMS, SUCH AS FOR
PATIENT WARMING APPLICATIONS**

ART UNIT: 3742

CONF. No: 1125

Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.